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1. It has been reported by three sources that on the evening of 13 November 1951, Col. Oscar A. Bolanos, Minister of Defense of El Salvador, was shot at as he was entering his home. According to one source, a car drove up in front of the Minister's house as he was about to enter the door. The occupants of the car shot several rounds of 7mm caliber bullets without hitting the target. This same source stated that Bolanos considered the shots to have come from military people inasmuch as the caliber of the bullets was that used by the Army.*

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2. [REDACTED] noticed two pit marks which could have been made by bullets. As of 28 November no public announcement of the attack had been made.**
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* Comment: Army rifles and ammunition circulate quite freely among the civilian populace in San Salvador.

* Comment: [REDACTED] the attack would not be made public as it would reveal the dissension which exists between the Army and the Partido Revolucionario de Unificacion Democratica (PRUD).

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